



Canton City Schools

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**RE: Chad Ostrowski**

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mr. Chad Ostrowski. Mr. Ostrowski serves as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Hartford Middle School. Mr. O., as his students call him, has done a tremendous job as a first year instructor. His students are using the scientific method to understand problems and also to form hypothesis.

Mr. O. has done a great job of forming relationships with our students as he is willing to work after school and come in early. He is consistent with his classroom management, and works collectively with Mrs. Amanda Gillespie. Mrs. Gillespie has shown him the different avenues that are available for science instruction, as she is also our Gateway to Technology teacher.

I would definitely recommend Mr. Ostrowski for a science related position in your district. I have observed him teach the students here at Hartford Middle School, and we serve a 98% poverty and 80% minority student population. His expectations for every student are evident in the project based educational strategies he implements with his students.

Mr. Ostrowski is passionate about biology and life science and it shows in the instructional techniques he uses. He consistently makes new content connections to prior knowledge; as a result his students are able to retain the information. Although Hartford serves a traditionally at-risk student population, we are currently ranked EFFECTIVE by the Ohio Department of Education and this comes with hard work, dedication, discipline and determination, all of these attributes I have seen in Mr. Ostrowski.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need for comments, please call me at (330) 453-6012 ext. 2205.

Sincerely,

  
Sandy D. Womack, Jr.

At Hartford Middle School our mission is teaching our students to read, write, speak and ~~most~~ importantly think! Where A is for Attitude, B for Beliefs, C is for Confidence and D is for Dedication, Discipline, and Determination ~ all are necessary for our success. Knowledge is power ~ continue to read, read, read....